

## **1.4 ORGANIZATION, CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

This EA is organized in a manner consistent with NEPA and DOE's NEPA implementation guidelines, including the specific guidelines for Site-Wide EAs. The EA has eight sections. The first section is an Executive Summary. The organization, content and objectives of the EA's remaining chapters are as follows:

*Chapter 1 Introduction* presents the purpose and need for the program, describes the site, characterizes the purposes and objectives of a Site-Wide EA, summarizes the organization, content and objectives of this EA, sets forth future NEPA documentation protocol and checklists, and summarizes the scoping process and results.

*Chapter 2 Proposed Action and Alternatives* presents a detailed description of the short-term and long-term program of improvement on the site and describes the No Action Alternative.

*Chapter 3 Affected Environment* describes environmental baseline information about the site and surrounding area.

*Chapter 4 Environmental Consequences and Mitigation Measures* describes potential impacts of the Proposed Action and No Action alternatives, compares the impacts, presents required and recommended measures to reduce impacts, and makes "significance" findings.

*Chapter 5 Comments on the Draft EA and Responses* represents letters received by NREL after the Draft EA was circulated for public review, along with specific responses to each letter. This Final EA includes revisions to the Draft EA text that were necessary as a result of certain comments and responses.

*Chapter 6 List of Preparers* identifies the individuals who prepared the EA and their roles.

*Chapter 7 Bibliography and References* presents a listing of key documents and consultations that took place as part of the EA process.

## **1.5 SCOPING PROCESS AND RESULTS**

A scoping letter was prepared and distributed to an extensive list of agencies, organizations and members of the public. This list included a comprehensive group of parties who have expressed interest in the site and site circumstances. Appendix C presents the scoping letter, a complete list of the scoping letter recipients, and a complete list of response letters that were received during the 30-day scoping period. The following discussions summarize the relevant input received during the scoping period that ended on July 18, 2001 and corresponding modifications to the Proposed Action.

### **1.5.1 Environmental Issues**

The scoping letter for the Proposed Action identified the following environmental topics to be addressed in the EA:

Land Use, Planning, Socioeconomics and Public Policy  
Traffic and Circulation